

House Resolution No. 734

Whereas, it is with deep respect and tremendous pleasure that the Missouri House of Representatives pauses in its diverse legislative endeavors in order to recognize those Show-Me State residents who have attained significant milestones in their personal lives; and

Whereas, Roxie Arnold of Harrisonville celebrated her One Hundredth Birthday with a gathering of friends and family members at Golden Years on Saturday, March 9, 2002, a full century from that distant March 9th in 1902 when she entered the world with her twin sister, Ruth, to join the family of Robert Pope Houtchens and Mary Elizabeth Houtchens; and

Whereas, Roxie Arnold grew up on a farm in Henry County between Deepwater and Clinton with her twin sister, twin brothers, Lynn and Glenn, and seven other siblings, Roy, Faye, Emmett, Ross, Garland, Nellie, and Ruby; and

Whereas, rural life in the early 1900s allowed for many joys, including hoeing her mother's large garden, walking two miles each way to the one-room Glenwood School which she attended through the eighth grade, and taking great delight in the oranges, dolls, and other presents that Santa Claus placed in her stocking at Christmastime; and

Whereas, each week Roxie and her brothers and sisters filled a horse-drawn carriage to ride to Sunday school while her parents showed up later in a buggy to attend church worship services; and

Whereas, married to farmer Robert "Pete" Arnold in 1924, Roxie Arnold subsequently helped to support her growing family by working at the Bomber Plant and Sunflower Powder Plant in Kansas City during World War II and at Kansas City Boyswear until her retirement; and

Whereas, Roxie Arnold today is the esteemed matriarch of an expansive family which includes three children, Robert D. Arnold, John H. Arnold, and Rose Z. Arnold Adams, nine grandchildren, seventeen great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the arrival of the One Hundredth Birthday of Roxie Arnold and to convey to her this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes for many more wonderful birthdays to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Missouri centenarian Roxie Arnold of Harrisonville.

Offered by _____
Representative Rex Rector
District No. 124

I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 734, adopted March 13, 2002.

Jim Kreider, Speaker

